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In regard to international application:

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Applicant: Fumio Matsuoka et al.

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Title: BIODEGRADABLE POLYESTER RESIN COMPOSITION,  
PREPARATION METHOD THEREFOR, AND FOAMED  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In connection with entry into the National Phase in the United States of the above referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**In The Claims:**

Amend claims 7-11 and add new claims 12-20 as follows:

1. (original) A biodegradable polyester resin composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer which comprises 100 parts by mass of an aliphatic polyester (A) and 0.01 to 5 parts by mass of a (meth)acrylic ester (B1) and/or a glycidyl ether (B2), the biodegradable polyester resin composition having a gelation index (1) of not lower than 0.1 % and a gelation index (2) of not higher than 0.5 %.